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AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLICITATION

1. The attachment entitled "AMENDMENT 00002 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS" has been added. The text is as follows:

Amendment 0002 Request for Proposal (RFP) PR-HQ-02-11865 INNOVATIONS SOLICITATION

The Contracting Officer has received additional Questions in connection with the subject Innovations solicitation. The questions and answers follow:

- Q.1 The Instructions for the Preparation of Proposals found in Section L.11 of the RFP indicate that offerors should respond to the Sample Work Assignments and prepare a work plan that describes how each plan will be accomplished. The RFP includes three (3) sample Work Assignments. Should offerors prepare and submit work plans for all three Work Assignments or just choose one?
- A.1 The Contracting Officer expects that if offerors want to be responsive to the RFP and also expect to be evaluated fairly, then they need to prepare and submit work plans for all three (3) sample Work Assignments. Plainly, the Contracting Officer expects offerors to prepare and submit work plans for <u>all</u> three (3) sample Work Assignments.
- Q.2 The Instructions for the Preparation of Proposals found in Section L.11 of the RFP has a list of things that should be included in the work plan. The Sample Work Assignments found in Attachment 2 each contain a "Task 1", which stipulates a different list of what should be included in a work plan. Are offerors required to address the additional items found in Task 1 of the sample Work Assignments, specifically: detailed cost estimate by task and staffing plan? If a staffing plan is required, does it need to identify specific staff and hours by professional level?
- A.2 The Contracting Officer and Technical Evaluation Panel will be looking at the responsiveness of offerors relative to the sample Work Assignments in order to determine the knowledge and experience of respective offerors. Past Government contracting officers have incorporated real Work Assignments in solicitations and then issued the Work assignment upon award of the contract. This may or may not be the case in the immediate instance. Plainly, offerors should submit whatever information they believe is required to be responsive to the solicitation.
- Q.3 Attachment 8 to the RFP, Past Performance Questionnaire, indicates that offerors should submit Part A of the Questionnaire as part of its Technical Proposal. Offerors could have dozens of relevant projects, taking up many valuable pages in the Technical proposal. In fact, the more relevant projects an offeror has, the fewer pages to respond to the other technical criteria remain. Would the Agency consider exempting these pages from the Technical Proposal count.

- A.3 The Contracting Officer does not want to penalize offerors who have a vast amount of recent relevant experience to provide along with critical technical data. Therefore, in order to alleviate the existence of conflicting priorities in terms of providing evidence of technical superiority via-a-vis Past Performance information, the Past Performance Questionnaire is hereby exempt from the page limitation, provided that the Past Performance Questionnaire data is submitted under separate cover at least one (1) week prior to the due date for the receipt of technical and cost proposals. The current due date for the receipt of technical and cost proposals is no later than 2:00 PM EDT September 3, 2003.
- Q.4 Amendment 0001 calls for an extension for the receipt of technical and cost proposals until September 3, 2003; however, block 11 of SF 30 indicates that the proposal due date has not been extended.
- A.4 The Contracting Officer extended the due date for the receipt of Technical and Cost proposals to no later than 2:00 PM EDT on September 3, 2003 via amendment 0001 to the subject solicitation. Please now note that Block 11 of SF 30 indicates that the receipt of offers has been extended as a result of this amendment 0002 and the prior amendment 0001.